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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION: POLITICIZATION OF
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1. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL WITH TERWISSCHA, MFA'S DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFS, WHO WILL BE DUTCH REP. AT FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONSULTATIONS WHERE HE HOPES VERY MUCH TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH ASST. SEC. BUFFUM.
 2. TERWISSCHA WELCOMED FACT THAT US, IN RAISING POLITICIZATION ISSUE, WAS ONCE MORE ATTEMPTING TO BROADEN GENEVA GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS BEYOND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS BUDGETS, SINCE GROUP EXISTS FOR JUST SUCH PURPOSE. HE WAS GLAD TO RECEIVE US'S CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS FOR COPING WITH POLITICIZATION PROBLEM, WHICH ALSO HAS BEEN MATTER OF GROWING CONCERN TO GON. HE WOULD USE OCCASION OF JAN. 30 MEETING OF GON'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO CIRCULATE US VIEWS.
 3. TERWISSCHA SAID HE KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE THAT PROBLEMS OFTEN OCCUR AT MEETINGS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHEN POLITICAL ISSUES ARE RAISED AND DELEGATIONS ARE
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NOT STAFFED OR PROPERLY INSTRUCTED TO DEAL WITH THEM,

OR THERE IS A LACK OF COORDINATION WITHIN OR BETWEEN
GOVTS IN HANDLING POLITICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD THEY ARISE.
HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT WHAT US HAS IN MIND IS THE
AVOIDANCE SUCH QUESTIONS ARISING IN THESE BODIES IN THE
FIRST PLACE.
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